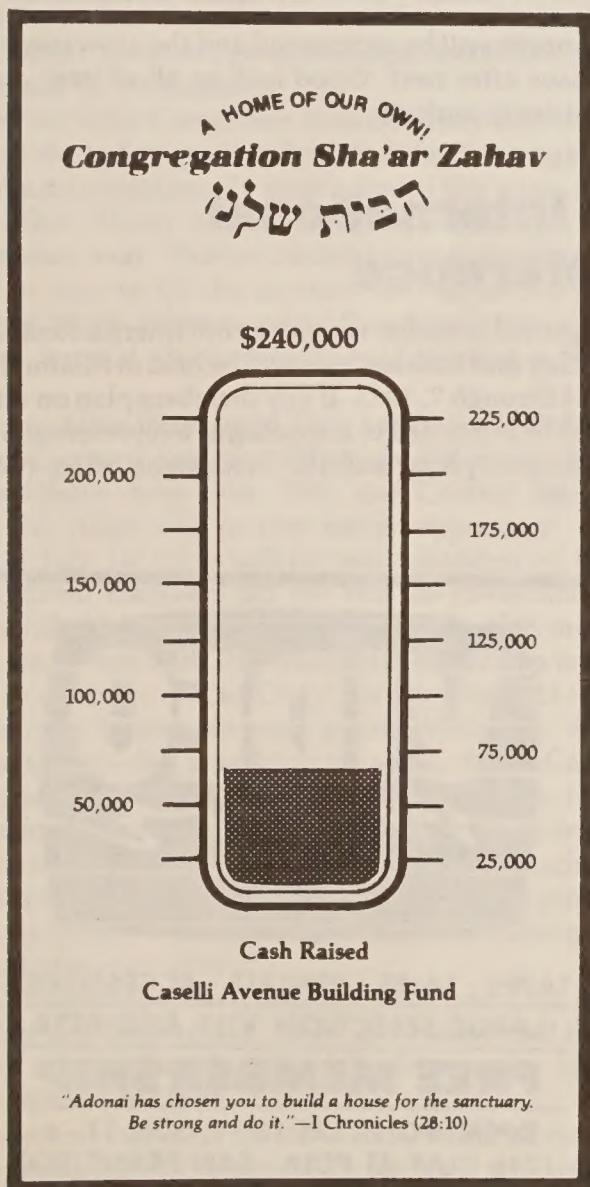




A Home of Our Own

Caselli Avenue Building Fund Underway



NOW THAT THE VOTING IS OVER, it's time for the serious task of bringing our dream of "A Home of Our Own" into reality: Fundraising! Hence, the Fundraising Committee has been reconstituted and has been hard at work for the last few weeks developing detailed plans for raising the \$240,000 purchase price of the Caselli Avenue building. Prior to this part of the campaign, we had approximately \$50,000 in the Building Fund coffers, leaving the Fund-raising Committee with a goal of an additional \$190,000 to be raised.

With Irene Ogus as its hard-working Chair, the Committee is well into Phase I of its fundraising strategy to meet their goal of raising \$125,000 from the following "internal" groups. This phase involves contacting: (1) the 81 existing pledgors regarding their pledge schedule and possible increases in pledges (completed by mid-June); (2) the 250 non-members on the Congregation's mailing list (to be completed by late June); and (3) the 120 "old" members who did not pledge during the 1981 phase of the Building Campaign and "new" members who joined since 1981 (to be completed by late July). This phase involves phone calls, mailings and social gatherings to acquaint each of those contacted with specifics of the building, the campaign and the contribution each can make to helping the congregation obtain A Home of Our Own.

New updated brochures are being printed, including a brochure with endorsements from political leaders and leaders in the Jewish community which will be available in mid-July to send to friends and relatives who might be interested in helping us realize our goal.

As of press time, the total cash and pledges is approximately \$95,000. Our Campaign Thermometer shows the total cash raised to date. We are thankful to all of those who have made contributions to our building campaign so far,

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Building Campaign (continued from page 1)

and in particular wish to recognize contributors in the following special pledge categories:

Platinum (above \$10,000): W. Leiss

Gold (\$5,000-\$10,000): Al Baum, Seth C., Mike Rankin, Jerry Rosenstein, Mike Zimmerman

Silver (\$2,500-\$5,000): Bart Benderoff, Allan Berenstein, Frank Hyman, Alex Ingersoll/David Stein, Mike Lipson, Irene Ogus, Ralph Vissell, Ron Wolberg

Bronze (\$1,000-\$2,500): Don Albert, Paul Cohen, Mike Freedland, Allan Gold, Brad Gould, Bruce Hansen, Betty Kalis, Stephen Klein, Robert Levy, Ron Lezell, Charles Norton, Cheryl Orvis, Leila Raim, Steven Rosenberg, Tom Rothgiesser/George Lucas, Rob Tat

For any further information regarding the Building Campaign, please call Don Albert (826-0785) for general information, Irene Ogus (824-7031) or Paul Cohen (929-9524) for information regarding Fundraising, or the Synagogue office (921-7612).

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Members of the Newsletter Committee are Alex Ingersoll and Leila Raim (editorial and production), Larry Chandler (typesetting), Bart Benderoff, Chuck Norton, Alan Schrager and Barry Siegel (distribution).

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'Forward' Quiz

"What's In a Name?"

ARE YOU A TRIVIA MAYVEN? If so, here's your chance to win a Sha'ar Zahav t-shirt with *Mayven* printed on it. See if you can match the stage name with the real name. The first person to send in the correct answers to the Congregation office will receive the t-shirt. Hurry! The sun is shining and it's perfect t-shirt weather!

1. Woody Allen	A. Leonard Rosenberg
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5. Tony Curtis	E. Belle Silverman
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9. Gene Wilder	I. Avrom Goldbogen
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11. Tony Randall	K. Shirley Schrift
12. Beverly Sills	L. Benjamin Kubelsky
13. I.F. Stone	M. Issur Danilovich Demsky
14. Mike Todd	N. Isadore Feinstein
15. Shelley Winters	O. Laszlo Loewenstein

The winner will be announced and the answers published in the issue after next. Good luck to all of you... and get your entries in early!!!

8th International Conference

As reported in earlier issues, the 8th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held in Miami, Florida, August 4 through 7, 1983. If any members plan on attending or would be interested in attending as a representative of the Congregation, please call the Synagogue office (921-7612) by July 10.



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Mike's Column

THESE LINES, THE FIRST OF A FIRST "President's Column" are written in the middle of a redwood forest. Every summer my staff and I take about 30 patients to a camp in the mountains north of La Honda in San Mateo County. Most of the patients live in low income hotels in the Tenderloin or in board and care homes throughout the city. It's wonderful to see the effect the beauty of the camp setting has on them. They seem to come alive again. And so do we.

Change is important for all of us, and it's important for institutions as well, including synagogues. But the most effective change is that which allows us to hold on to the best of the old, while moving toward the new.

All of which is a roundabout way of saying how glad I am that our immediate past president, Cheryl Orvis, has agreed to serve with me on the new Executive Committee. There will be times in the coming year when I'll be away on Navy cruises, at medical meetings (vacations), rafting in the Ozarks, visiting the ancient Jewish communities of Southeast Arkansas, and it will be reassuring to know that I can ask the Va'ad to come to Cheryl with any important issues that have to be dealt with in my absence.

I'm also happy to have on the Executive Committee, David Stein, our treasurer; Leslie Bergson, Chair of the Ritual Committee; Eric Keitel, our recorder; and past president Paul Cohen. These are good and experienced people whose advise will be invaluable.

The Executive Committee is an advisory committee. The Va'ad is the policy making board of the Congregation, and we have an exceptionally strong board this year. Al Baum, Bruce Katz, Nancy Meyer, and Jerry Rosenstein continue for another year. Sharyn Saslafsky was appointed by the Va'ad in June to fill the position left vacant by the tragic death of Mark Feldman. And Ron Lezell was elected for another term at the congregational meeting a few weeks ago.

As was Allan Berenstein. Now I ask you, was that a campaign Allan ran? Posters, billboards, TV spots, the dramatic parachute drop over 18th and Castro! Remarkable! What will Allan do if he ever has an opponent!!

As of July 1st there will be two vacancies on the Va'ad (two current members did not run for re-election). Those will be filled by the new Va'ad at the July 25th meeting.

So, nu, where is all this wonderful leadership leading us? Well, to a "Home of Our Own" for one thing! At the Jewish Community Center we were guests. Welcome, very well-treated guests—but guests just the same. At the Caselli Avenue Synagogue we're in our own place, at home. I think the difference really struck me the night Judy Sloan entertained us after services. At 11:00 p.m., we were still laughing at the antics and sayings of "Sophie," and no one was gently nudging us to leave. We could have stayed until midnight if we'd liked. It was ours after all!

And considering the campaign Walt and Don and Irene and Ron and Sharyn and Allan and Nancy and their committees are running, it will really be ours by High Holy Days! What a mitzvah.

A home of our own by fall—and a rabbi of our own by next summer, if not sooner. The search is well under way, and the applicants are already being reviewed. For the next exciting chapter, stay tuned.

Meanwhile, we will have our all-important fundraisers, and High Holy Days at the Unitarian Center, Succot, Chanukah services and a party, Megilla Madness II; the Congregational Seder at the Holiday Inn; plays and concerts and picnics and ballgames together; marching together on Gay Day.

Above all, we'll continue to reach out to those in need, within the Congregation and without. If there is a congregation which more truly exemplifies the "synagogue as a caring community" than ours does, I'm not aware of it. Possibly we're a little better at it than some because—as gay people and as Jews—we've known for a long time how important it is for us to take care of each other.

And so a new year begins for Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, an exciting year full of promise. May it be for all of us a year of life and health and joy from family and children, from lovers and friends.

Shalom,

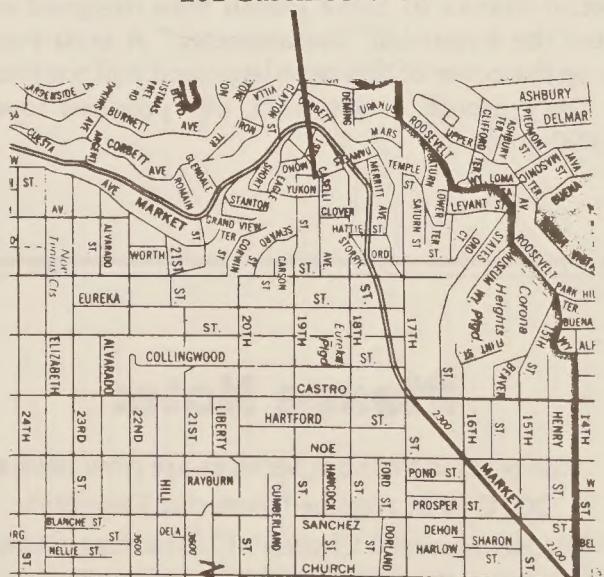
—Mike

Attention All Closet Jocks and Jockettes!

CET OUT OF THE CLOSET and onto the volleyball court! This may be your last chance to show off all that hard work at the gym! The Social Program Committee is pleased to announce a day of "Fun and Frolic in the Park!" on Sunday, August 7, 1983. We've reserved the Pioneer Log Cabin Picnic Area in Golden Gate Park (adjacent to Stowe Lake) from 11-? So, pack a lunch, grab your reflectors, and your nicest, dress gym socks and Be There! We are in desperate need of cheerleaders and kibitzers for the sidelines, so all non-jocks are also very welcome. For further info., contact Mark Mendelow at 854-2276.

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Tisha B'Av Service

Tisha B'Av is the most somber day of the Jewish year, commemorating the destruction of the first and second Temples, and the scattering of the Jewish people from their homeland. We will hold an evening service on Erev Tisha B'Av, Monday, July 18th, at 7:30 PM at the Caselli Avenue Building. The service will include readings from the book of Lamentations, and other appropriate readings. For further information, please call Leslie at 929-1444.

San Francisco Chronicle

May 19, 1983

HERB CAEN



Columnists Do It Weakly

... Sha'ar Zahav, the gay congregation that has been floating from place to place, is acquiring a synagogue of its own this fall — the Latter-day Saints church at Caselli and Danvers.

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You bet ya, Herb. And the enthusiasm is contagious. In one way or another, there are currently over 30 members working on the building project—operations, fundraising, finance, and P.R. Should you too wish to volunteer some time, please call the Building Committee Chair, Don Albert at 826-0785 or the Synagogue office, 921-7612.

Special thanks to Steve Elman who designed and constructed the 4-foot-tall "thermometer." A mini-version appears on the cover of this newsletter and will continue to appear every month as we track our progress toward the \$240,000 goal.

Please Note:

Our regular Shabbat services are now held at
201 Caselli Avenue (corner of Danvers),
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On Transition

THANKS TO ALL for the help and support given to me this year as I carried out the duties of President of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. I feel satisfied that this year has been a good one for us and one which ends in a mood of optimism, hope and absolute faith in the accomplishment of our Congregational dreams. I pledge my love and support to Mike Rankin, President-Elect and to all other Officers, Va'ad and Committee Chairs. Mike's energy and devotion to the Congregation shall be a potent force in driving us toward our goals of "mishpacha" in the spirit of "mishpacha." It has been my privilege and honor to serve such a miraculous organization of individuals as Sha'ar Zahav. I want to urge everyone to remember that each act of involvement, from joining with others to sponsor an Oneg or simply sharing a thought about the Congregation, is an important contribution and helps to make this the family we all need and want.

—Cheryl Orvis
President

Jewish Calendar 5744

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Contributions

All contributions to Sha'ar Zahav are listed in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested. Contributions of any denomination are gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

In the past month, we have received donations from the following benefactors:

For the General Fund: Gus Arnett, Duff Kreitzberg,* Cheryl Orvis, Sam Thal, Ernie Weinstein, Ron Wolberg,* and one anonymous contribution.

For the "Phooey on AIDS" Fund: *Richard Ditewig, Walter Ems, Janis Greenberg, Richard Inlander, Elliott Klein, Walter Leiss, Claude Masquart, Yolande S., Robert Sellman, Seth Shapiro, Shelly Spiro, Sam Thal, and two anonymous contributions.

*Donation given in memory of Mark Feldman.

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Ritual Calendar

Friday, July 1

Torah: Pinhas, Num. 25:10-30:1
Haftarah: I Kings 18:46-19:31
 Eric Keitel, Services

Friday, July 8

Sha'ar Zahav Sixth Anniversary Service
Torah: Mattot-Massei, Num. 30:2-36:13
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4
 Daniel Chesir and Leila Raim, Services

Friday, July 15

Torah: Devarim, eut. 1:1-3:22
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-27
 Dubi Barcan, Services
 Torah Service

Monday, July 18

Tisha B'Av Service
 Ritual Committee and Friends

Friday, July 22

Tisha B'Av/Shabbat Nachmu (Sabbath of Comfort)
Torah: Va-Ethanan, Deut. 3:23-7:11
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-26

Friday, July 29

Torah: Ekev, Deut. 7:12-11:25
Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3
 Jonathan Funk, Services

Services are held each Friday night at 8:15 at the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, 201 Caselli Avenue (corner of Danvers).

Installation of Officers

Be sure to attend services on Friday, July 22. That evening there will be a special ceremony to install the new officers and Va'ad members for the coming year as well as an award ceremony to mark the achievements and extraordinary contributions of individual members over the past year—all topped off by an especially festive Oneg! See you on the 22nd.

Mark B. Feldman

1952-1983

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV mourns the death of Mark Feldman on June 2. Mark was a member of the Congregation for many years, a member of the Va'ad and was instrumental in our drive to acquire "A Home of Our Own"—having coined that phrase during the 1981 building campaign.

Mark was well-known in San Francisco as a community activist—working with many organizations, both within and without the gay and lesbian community. When he contracted AIDS last fall, his reaction to it was with the concern and awareness of a true activist. His primary concern throughout his illness was to serve the community through his example and active involvement in public education of gays and non-gays regarding AIDS. Mark wrote "I would deny all my life's hopes, dreams and visions if I didn't try to

turn the focus of AIDS from fear and death to hope and wellness."

Although the funeral was held in New York, the Congregation held a memorial service on June 8 at Sinai Memorial Chapel in San Francisco. The breadth of Mark's involvements, friendships and the esteem in which he was held was shown by the group of over 500 friends and associates who attended the service to honor his memory. Organized and led by our Ritual Committee, many of Mark's friends participated in the readings and prayers or gave eulogies. In addition, members of the Congregation held a *minyon* every Sunday evening in June to say *Kaddish* for Mark. For those who were not able to attend the Memorial Service, some of those remarks are printed here so that we might all share in their kind and beautiful thoughts.

Mark—A Tribute

We are here to be comforted and to mourn the loss of a good friend who died much too young. But more than that, to celebrate Mark's life.

As we all know, Mark was a prince—a classic Jewish American Prince! I can feel him looking down at us now—counting the house!

Wise, gentle, fiesty and frustrating at times; counselor, consoler, peacemaker—Mark reminded me of an unlikely combination of Rupert Brooke and Zorba the Greek. Like Brooke, another beautiful man who died young, "the years had given him kindness. Dawn was his, and sunset, and the colors of the earth. He heard music, knew slumber and waking, loved, went proudly friended, felt the quick stir of wonder, sat alone; touched flowers, furs, cheeks. All this is ended."

But like Zorba, he had a wonderful zest for life. Remember the touching scene at the end of the movie where Alan Bates is reading a last letter from Zorba, and Zorba writes, "Good night, Boss. Whatever I have done, I have no regrets. I've done heaps and heaps of things in my life, but I still did not do enough. Men like me should live a thousand years!" Indeed. Or at least a hundred. Not 31.

I think Mark's finest hour was at the candlelight march in May. When he finished speaking and with a great dramatic flourish put the crown on his head and waved to the crowd, he ended once and for all the image of those with AIDS as passive, helpless victims, accepting their fate like sheep. He showed us instead a group of men with class, with unbelievable courage, and enormous dignity. A man Mark never met was in the crowd that night, and the next day he wrote him a letter, a letter Mark and his mother showed to everyone who came to the hospital to visit. "I've been thinking all day what to say to you," the author wrote, "and I just can't come up with the right words. First of all, I love you. I hadn't had a good night's sleep since I first heard of AIDS, but after the candlelight march, I did. When you placed the crown on your head, my fears of dying were released. I realized the same thing I realized when I came out—that I'm not alone. And if I do get AIDS, there will be the same love and understanding for me as there is for you."

Watching Mark, Gary, Bob Reynolds, Bobbie, the others on the speakers platform, what ran through my mind was a

deeply moving passage from the old Yom Kippur liturgy: "—men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, wise, eloquent in their instructions. All these are honored in their generations and are the glory of their times. There are among them some who have left a name behind them, that their praises might be sung. And some who have no memorial, who perished as though they had never been. But these are merciful men, whose righteousness has not been forgotten. Their kind shall remain forever and their glory shall not be blotted out."

Mark's body is buried in peace, but his name will live in this Congregation, in this community, and in the hearts of those who loved him.

And so, like Zorba, like a king who had taken part in the festivity, he rose, opened the door, and without turning back, crossed the threshold.

Shalom, Marko. And bravo! Bravo for a life all too short, but a life magnificently lived. Bravo! Bravo!

—Mike Rankin, M.D.

The most valuable lessons in life somehow always seem to arrive on the heels of a painful experience. Perhaps it is a reflection of our vulnerability. Then too, maybe it is just how we view the world when our hearts are torn, our eyes clouded, our minds in anguish. But like ravaged, war-torn lands that return to peaceful green pastures . . . we prefer to forget the harsh realities of this world.

Mark is my friend. And though he may not be here in body, his spirit will remain with me forever. I will not forget him, nor the reality of how he lived and how he died.

Mark, we are united here in remembering you and all you represented. And, hope we will stand together tomorrow and all tomorrows as we are now, remembering you, how you were taken from us, and what we can do to eliminate this horrible disease. We will eliminate AIDS. We will stand together, forever united as we create "A Home of Our Own" we will stand together and be united as a community for peace.

Our brother, our friend. You have not died in vain. As you would say, L'Chaim. To life, for life. May you rest in peace.

—Sharyn Saslafsky

Memorial Contributions

Mark's family has requested that any memorial contributions be sent to the Congregation's Phooey on AIDS Fund or the Building Campaign; to the Shanti Project, 890 Hayes St., SF 94117; or to the Mark Feldman Fund (for AIDS computer analysis), c/o Hanna Regev, 478 Warren Drive, SF 94131.

Letters

Mark Feldman introduced me to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav last fall when he invited me to attend Yom Kippur services. The beauty and the spirit of that service is something I will never forget.

I know from those close to me that Mark showed great courage in his struggle against AIDS, and that his efforts to teach the world about AIDS reached far beyond him—including into the office of my husband.

Many, many of us will remember Mark, and we will remember him best by carrying on the struggle against AIDS and—when we have won that struggle as we surely will—by continuing to work for a world where all people can live with dignity and in peace.

—Sala Burton

I felt a need to tell you something about what Mark meant to me and to all of us.

Mark's illness helped me to understand the true gravity of the crisis we are facing from AIDS and to work with all of my strength in the position I occupied with Phil Burton to make the federal government respond to help save our lives.

Although Mark has died from AIDS, his courage and his example have helped a great deal to bring us to the point where our government is at least beginning to hear us.

In sadness and in strength,

—Bill Kraus

(Office of Phillip Burton)

Doing Brave Battle

Only I, myself and my soul stand guard.
For the unseen foe I've posted sentry.
More than alert, we watch
For we know not what,
For some sign, some signal of danger.
We scurry from one end to the other,
Back and forth, up and down, in and out,
Looking, searching, scared.
How can so few dare oppose so fearsome
and formidable an enemy?
With difficulty, I think with a smile.
How forgetful of me, how thankless;
My God-sent blackened humor
Has woven its way through my bones,
Coursed through all my vessels,
Doing brave battle, when I don't know how.
My heart sighs, comforted by envelopes from friends,
Paper filled with prayers and tsedakah;
In the midst of war, they bring some precious peace.

—Steven Elman

Va'ad Report

THE JUNE VA'AD MEETING, held at 201 Caselli Avenue, included a request by Aaron Cooper for a financial contribution towards the production of 100,000 "Fight AIDS" armbands being produced by the local AIDS Political Action Network (AIDS PAN). As a member of AIDS PAN, Aaron is coordinating this project for distribution at the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade. The Va'ad voted to allocate \$250 from the Phooey-on-AIDS Fund.

Complete plans for Sha'ar Zahav's participation at Freedom Day were reviewed. The synagogue contingent will march together wearing the bright new t-shirts designed especially for that day. We will have a booth promoting congregational activities and the Building Campaign in addition to selling our traditional knishes.

The matter of sending two delegates to the Eighth International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews (World Congress meetings) was discussed. Cheryl asked for names of individuals interested in representing the congregation. The Va'ad examined the issue of subsidizing our delegates and suggested possible guidelines. It was the consensus that a general conference subsidy policy be determined after further discussion.

Sharyn Saslafsky was unanimously approved as a new member of the Va'ad, filling the seat which became available with Mark Feldman's death. Mark Mendelow has accepted the position of Social Program chair.

The next Va'ad meeting will be held Monday, July 25.

High Holiday Services Participation

The Congregation would like to provide an opportunity for all members to participate in High Holiday Services (which fall in early September this year). We will be assigning both readings (in English and Hebrew) and ceremonial functions at the various services. Only those members who return this form to our post office box can be assured an opportunity to participate.

Please return this form to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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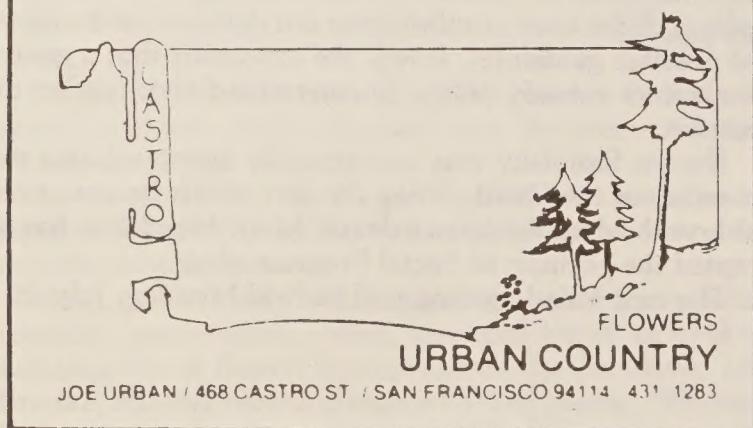
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I would like to learn a chant

July Yahrzeits

1 William S. Gross, father of Roger Gross
4 Frank S. Walter, father of Julie Walter
8 Louis Stone, grandfather of David Ring
8 Edward Ingersoll, father of Alex Ingersoll
12 (2 Av) Rivka Bat David Leizerovich, grandmother of Dubi Barcan
15 Clara Magoon, aunt of Betty Kalis
15 Allan Zimmerman, father of Mike Zimmerman
16 Nelly Meyer, mother of Nancy Meyer
19 (9 Av) Sadie Radetsky, grandmother of Allan Berenstein
24 Adele K., mother of Ida
26 (16 Av) Louis Wouk, grandfather of Nina Wouk
28 Harry A. Benderoff, father of Bart Benderoff

Our Shabbat flowers courtesy of



LETTERS

The *Jewish Gaily Forward* welcomes letters. Please keep them brief. The *Forward* reserves the right to edit letters. Send letters to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, PO Box 5640, San Francisco 94101, attention *Forward* letters.

On behalf of Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the 41 hospitals that we serve, I would like to extend our appreciation to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav for sponsoring a blood drive. Twenty-two people participated in this life-saving program.

The Women's Club of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav has set an example that hopefully many more groups will emulate. Their committed and appropriate actions taken to support their friends with AIDS is commendable.

Please thank your entire congregation for their support. Nancy Meyer deserves a special thanks for coordinating this unique event. A few men from your congregation spent the day at the blood bank to greet the women. I'm sure their presence was greatly appreciated by the donors.

It is hoped that Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will continue to work together in supporting the health needs in our community. You have shown yourselves to be an outstanding organization, and we are pleased we have the pleasure of being associated with you.

—Brian McDonough
Executive Director
Irwin Memorial Blood Bank

July Happy Birthdays!

3	Leigh Star	20	Joan Blazewick
4	Mickey Bornstein	23	Jack Mann
7	Betty Kalis	23	Nancy Meyer
9	Steve Elman	28	David Levine
12	Shelly Wald	28	Cheryl Orvis
16	Alice P.	30	Frank Martinez

To Sponsor an Oneg

Special occasions are time of joy, of celebration, of remembrance. Say "Happy Birthday" to friends or a loved one, remember a yahrzeit, or offer a "Mazel Tov" by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. Each week's social hour following services can be a gift to the Congregation which signals your special occasion.

For \$30 (or a portion thereof), you can subsidize the costs of an Oneg, or you can arrange for and set out your own special treats. We'll help you plan the menu and the quantities. For information and to reserve your Oneg date, call Susan at the Synagogue office, 921-7612.

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